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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 30, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 29, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-11 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claims 12-28 as follows:

--12. A method of settling accounts to a processing fee expended on processes related to recycling a used product, comprising:

transmitting, from a recycling certificate sales system through a network to a recycling certificate management system, sales information including identifying information of the recycling product and the processing fee of the recycling product, the recycling certificate sales system managing a recycling certificate having the identifying information of the recycling product, and the recycling certificate